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SUBJ: COMMENTS OF PRG REPRESENTATIVE IN JAKARTA

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN MAY 1 PRESS CONFERENCE IN JAKARTA, CHAU PHONG, THE PRG REPRESENTATIVE IN JAKARTA, DESCRIBED PRG POLICY AS MODERATE AND CONCILIATORY, SAYING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT "DOMINO THEORY" IS US FICTION, THERE WILL BE NO "FEDERATION" OF INDOCHINA STATES, ALTHOUGH VIETNAM WOULD BE UNIFIED IN TIME, AND THAT PRG WOULD SEEK "GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY" TOWARD OTHER NATIONS, INCLUDING US AND ASEAN COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH CONTINUATION OF US BASES CREATED PRG "DOUBTS" ABOUT ASEAN. FOLLOWING BASED ON REPORT IN SINAR HARAPAN MAY 2.
END SUMMARY

1. CHAU PHONG DESCRIBED DOMINO THEORY AS "NONSENSE"

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PROMOTED BY US TO SCARE OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE

SOVEREIGN NATIONS, HE SAID, ALTHOUGH ONE OF THE AIMS OF THE PRG IS REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM; THIS WOULD TAKE TIME AND WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY POPULAR CONSENT. CHAU ALSO DENOUNCED STATEMENTS THAT PRG WAS CONTROLLED BY HANOI AS PROPAGANDA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT PRG'S FOREIGN POLICY, CHAU SAID IT WOULD PURSUE "GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY," SEEKING GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ASEAN NATIONS AND US, IF THE LATTER RESPECTS ITS SOVEREIGNTY. HE SAID PRG WILL DEAL WITH ASEAN NATIONS INDIVIDUALLY, BUT NOT WITH ASEAN AS AN INSTITUTION, AND THAT VIETNAMESE PEOPLE STILL WORRIED ABOUT SOME ASPECTS OF ASEAN, INCLUDING CONFLICT BETWEEN CONCEPT OF "ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY" AND PRESENCE OF FOREIGN BASES. HE DECLINED TO SAY IF PRG WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION TO ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN MAY, IF ONE WERE PROFERRED.

3. CHAU SAID PRG WOULD ACCEPT FOREIGN AID, WITHOUT STRINGS ATTACHED, AND DENIED THAT IT WAS OBLIGATED TO MOSCOW, PEKING AND HANOI FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING WAR. HE NOTED THAT PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS IN US, INCLUDING SOME SENATORS, SUPPORT AID TO PRG, UNLIKE USG, AND THAT PRG APPRECIATES THIS SUPPORT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT REPORTS THAT PRG WOULD DEAL HARSHLY WITH VIETNAMESE WHO WERE CLOSE TO AMERICANS, CHAU SAID THEY WILL NOT BE PENALIZED IF THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR ERROR AND WILL BE GIVEN "SUITABLE" WORK. NEWSOM

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